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It was arranged that the work of the magazine should be carried on by a Committee. Promises were obtained from representatives of each of the years present to act upon the Committee. Miss Lanphier was appointed Editor; Miss Parker represented the first four students; Miss W. Kitching and Miss K. Wood the two sets who finished their training in 1893; Miss Evans and Miss Rankin the two sets who finished their training in

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My dearest Kit-Kit,

It is a hateful thing to be  
Suspected of advocating to myself  
any thing as any idea - I am just  
miserable that I should have exposed  
myself to such a thing - of course  
I meant the Students Conference,  
was my suggestion. Just as after  
the P. M. U. had been in existence  
some years I suggested the first conference  
(now common they have become)  
since) - I took it from the  
N. U. W. W. (now N. C. W.) - & then  
I remembered saying to Miss Mason that

the Students Assoc. I have never met  
I have a letter from her about 'my child'  
but why bother - only please correct the  
mis statement as from me - kind - &  
I feel quite ill. You know me enough but  
you C.

How nice about Sarahs -

Will you read enclosed & send it to Miss  
Parish I ask her to think - It should  
be a lady, not straight from college -  
I am waiting to answer until I get  
back - Isn't it exciting?

Yours love

home on 3<sup>rd</sup> NY